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### REMARKS

In the present Office Action, claims 1, 3-4, 8 and 10-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,587,822 (hereinafter Brown); claims 2, 5, 9 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Brown in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,188,985 (hereinafter Thrift); claims 6-7 and 13-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Brown in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,298,324 (hereinafter Zuberec); and claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Zuberec in view Thrift. Claims 1, 3-8, 10-15 and 17-21 remain present in this application. Claims 2, 9 and 16 have been canceled. The subject matter of claim 2 has been incorporated within claim 1, the subject matter of claim 9 has been incorporated within claim 8 and the subject matter of claim 16 has been incorporated within claim 15. For the reasons further set forth below, Applicants submit that claims 1, 3-8, 10-15 and 17-21 are now allowable.

With respect to amended independent claims 1 and 8, the Office Action in rejecting claims 2 and 9 stated that "Brown et al. fail to specifically disclose the external data source is one of a handheld computer, a compressed music player, a digital cellular telephone, a radio data system (RDS) receiver and a digital audio broadcast (DAB) receiver. However, Thrift et al. teach a handheld computing device (10 of figure 1). The advantage of using the teaching of Thrift et al. in Brown et al. is to provide conveniences for mobile users to access voice services." However, Applicants submit that the combination of Brown and Thrift does not teach or suggest Applicants' claimed subject matter, as set forth in amended claims 1 and 8. More specifically, Thrift is merely directed to a handheld wireless voice-activated device 10 for controlling a host system 11, such as a computer connected to the World Wide Web. With reference to column 3, lines 23-26, Brown discloses an "IVR platform 102 includes a web browser 110 which is operative to retrieve web pages or other information from one or more of the servers 106-*i* via network 104." At the most, combining Thrift with Brown would merely yield a system that utilized the voice-activated control device 10 of Thrift to access the IVR platform 102 of Brown, which does not teach or suggest retrieving text data from a

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dynamic database located within an external data source, which is one of a handheld computer, a compressed music player, a digital cellular telephone, a radio data system (RDS) receiver and a digital audio broadcast (DAB) receiver. For at least this reason, Applicants submit that the combination of Brown and Thrift does not render obvious Applicants' independent claims 1 and 8, as amended.

With respect to the rejection of claim 15, Applicants submit that neither Zuberec and/or Brown teach or suggest retrieving text data from a dynamic database located within an external data source, which takes the form of one of a handheld computer, a compressed music player, a digital cellular telephone, a radio data system (RDS) receiver and a digital audio broadcast (DAB) receiver. More specifically, Zuberec is merely directed to a speech recognition system that includes a speech recognition engine that recognizes utterances and an active grammar, including a help command. The Zuberec system verbally enunciates utterances in a grammar when a help command is detected, such that a user can hear the available options in a hands-free eyes-off operating environment. The Examiner stated that "it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Zuberec et al. by incorporating the teaching of Brown et al. in order to assist the system to recognize words in the speech by using grammars."

With respect to the rejection of claim 16 (which has been incorporated into claim 15), the Office Action stated that "it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art that a car radio has a set of transmitter and receiver for transmitting and receiving signals. Thus, this car radio is considered as a radio data system." However, Applicants submit that Zuberec does not teach or suggest radios which have both a receiver and transmitter, i.e., Zuberec is directed only to radios that have a receiver. Further, neither Zuberec nor Brown, or the combination, which, as is discussed above, is directed to receiving and/or manipulating information provided via a web page, teach or suggest retrieving text data from a dynamic database located within an external data source, which may be one of a handheld computer, a compressed music player, a digital cellular telephone, a radio data system receiver and a digital audio broadcast receiver. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that

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independent claims 1, 8 and 15 are allowable. Further, Applicants submit that claims 3-7, 10-14 and 17-21 depend upon allowable claims and, for at least this reason, are also allowable.

Applicants submit that this reply is fully responsive to the above-referenced Office Action.

### CONCLUSION

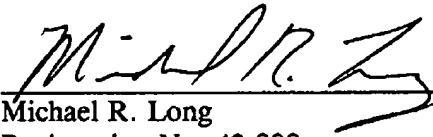
For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that claims 1, 3-8, 10-15 and 17-21 are allowable. If the Examiner has any questions or comments with respect to this reply, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (616) 949-9610.

Respectfully submitted,

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